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SUBJ: RESPONSE TO SIEVERTS' LETTER BY SRV CONSULAR
AFFAIRS DIRECTOR

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DELIVERED TO EMBASSY BY
SRV EMBOFF AUGUST 16, 1978:
2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. FRANK SIEVERTS, I HAVE RECEIVED
YOUR LETTER OF JULY 27, 1978, SENT THROUGH OUR EMBASSY
IN BANGKOK.
3. FIRST OF ALL, I WISH TO EXPRESS ONCE AGAIN OUR THANKS
TO YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES FOR HAVING GIVEN US FRIENDLY
RECEPTION AND PROVIDED FACILITIES FOR OUR ACTIVITIES
DURING OUR RECENT VISIT TO THE CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION
LABORATORY AND THE JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTRE IN
HONOLULU.

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4. I BELIEVE THAT OUR VISIT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO STEPPING
UP MORE EFFECTIVELY THE SEEKING OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE
MIAS.
5. WITH REGARD TO THE QUESTION YOU HAVE RAISED IN YOUR
LETTER, I DEEM IT NECESSARY TO RECALL THE STATEMENTS BY

MR. PHAN HIEN, VICE-MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM TO THE WOODCOCK COMMISSION AND TO MR. RICHARD HOLBROOKE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE THAT ALL AMERICAN POWS HAD BEEN RELEASED AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND ALL THE AMERICANS LEFT BEHIND IN SOUTH VIET NAM AFTER APRIL 30, 1975 HAD BEEN REPATRIATED.

6. AS YOU KNOW, A CERTAIN NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO HAVE FLED FROM VIET NAM AND A NUMBER OF ILL-WILLED AMERICANS HAVE FREQUENTLY SPREAD GROUNDLESS SPECULATIONS IN AN ATTEMPT TO HINDER THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE INFORMATION GIVEN TO THE MEETING OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF THE MIA FAMILIES WHICH YOU BROUGHT TO MY KNOWLEDGE AND OTHER INFORMATION MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY ARE SHEER FABRICATION WITH BAD INTENTION.

7. OUR GOVERNMENT'S POLICY IN THIS HUMANITARIAN QUESTION IS VERY CLEAR AND I AM SURE THAT YOU ARE AWARE OF IT.

8. PLEASE ACCEPT THE GOOD WISHES FROM ME AND OTHER COLLEAGUES IN OUR DELEGATION AND KINDLY CONVEY OUR GREETINGS TO MESSRS. BROWN, TOUMAYAN AND OTHER COLLEAGUES. SINCERELY, VU HOANG, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE S.R.V.N OFFICE IN CHARGE OF SEEKING INFORMATION ABOUT MIAS. END TEXT.
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9. VIETNAMESE TEXT WILL BE POUCHED TO SIEVERTS, HA. ABRAMOWITZ

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